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For: PROLACTIN RECEPTOR GENE AS A GENETIC MARKER FOR INCREASED LITTER SIZE IN ANIMALS ,

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.



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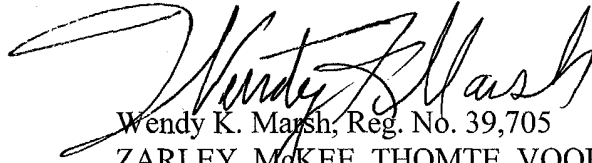
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